

The objectives of the Ambassador System and the tasks of the Ambassadors

The Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates (DOSZ) established the Ambassador System in May 2021, with the aim of strengthening the international community of doctoral students studying in Hungary. In the DOSZ Ambassador System, Ambassadors represent the doctoral candidate community of their home country studying in Hungary and are responsible for promoting professional and academic cooperation between their home country and Hungary.

The Ambassadors act on behalf of DOSZ, and are therefore expected to represent the values of the organisation. DOSZ is a mutually respectful, scientific, professional and advocacy community of doctoral candidates and young researchers.

The Ambassador System and the DOSZ

DOSZ is headed by a President elected by its Assembly of Delegates.

The Delegates Assembly of DOSZ also elects its Board. A member of the Board is responsible for the the Ambassador System. The Ambassadors are responsible to the Board member, the Board member is responsible to the President and the Delegates Assembly.

The Ambassador System may be assisted by coordinators, under the direction of the Board member responsible for the Ambassador System. The coordinators shall support the work of the Ambassadors. The Ambassadors shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of a working group chaired by the member of the Board responsible for the Ambassador System.

In addition to the Ambassadors, other Hungarian and international doctoral students may participate in the tasks and projects of the Ambassador System on the recommendation of Board member responsible for the Ambassadorial System.

Tasks of the Ambassadors

Responsibilities of the Ambassador

The Ambassador is responsible for representing his/her country in Hungarian academic, professional and diplomatic forums.

The Ambassador has a responsibility to all members of his/her community and should seek to represent his/her community with discretion, compromise and loyalty, if and as conditions allow.

It is the responsibility of the Ambassador to set a good example of human values and professionalism to his/her community, to other international doctoral candidates and to the Hungarian scientific community.

The Ambassador's contacts

The Ambassador shall be in contact with:

- the board member responsible for the Ambassador System, and the coordinators,
- other members of the Ambassadorial System, specifically in the case of joint working groups or projects,
- doctoral students studying in Hungary or prospective doctoral students wishing to study in Hungary, in particular doctoral students from their own country, community and cultural-geographical region, as well as those studying at the same institution,
- groups, organisations and institutions representing his/her country, community and cultural-geographical region, in particular the embassy in Hungary.

The tasks of the Ambassador

The Ambassador's responsibilities include:

- to be in contact with the doctoral candidates of the national-cultural community, to assess and follow up their needs and challenges,
- to support members of their national-cultural community who wish to pursue doctoral studies in Hungary in the future,
- informing the DOSZ Board member responsible for the Ambassador System about the needs and challenges of the community,
- informing their own community about opportunities, information and events offered by DOSZ,
- organising cultural and national events, including with the involvement of external groups, organisations and institutions, with the support of the Board member responsible for the Ambassador System,
- the organisation of professional, scientific events, including those involving external groups, organisations and institutions, with the support of the Board member responsible for the Ambassador System,
- representing DOSZ, the Ambassador System and international doctoral students studying in Hungary at events, forums and meetings,
- cooperation with the members of the Ambassador System and support for the joint development of the system,
- active participation in the tasks of the working groups and in the achievement of the objectives set,
- cooperation with the faculty or university doctoral candidate councils,
- participation in online and face-to-face meetings, training sessions and other events organised by DOSZ,
- promotion of the visibility of the Ambassador System, mainly through social media platforms,
- ensuring accessibility through online tools,
- any other tasks required in the context of the cooperation within the Ambassador System.

The Ambassadors' Mandate

Ambassadors can be selected by application. The conditions of application are published on the website of DOSZ.

Ambassadors can only be persons who are pursuing doctoral studies at a Hungarian higher education institution, and if appointed, who have a university doctoral candidate status and residence in Hungary for the majority of the period of nomination.

Ambassadors are selected on the basis of their applications and interviews. If more than one doctoral candidate from a country applies, only one Ambassador will be selected. If only one applicant from a country applies, it does not imply automatic selection.

The Ambassadors are appointed by the President for an academic year from June to May.

If the Ambassador continues to meet the criteria, he/she may reapply for the next term.

The President may withdraw an Ambassador's mandate at any time, in particular if the Ambassador does not fulfil his or her duties.

The work the Ambassador is voluntary and DOSZ is under no obligation to provide any financial benefits in return.